



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – February 1, 2016

FirstNet News

- Last week, the User Advocacy (UA) team conducted State single point of contact (SPOC) follow-on meetings with California, Nevada, and Washington to discuss consultation and outreach in 2016. The team will continue these meetings this week with Idaho and Massachusetts.
- Last week, FirstNet posted two new entries on the FirstNet blog: [The Snow Wall](#), which is a video about a significant weather event in Western NY, and the [New Jersey initial State consultation meeting](#). All blog posts can also be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at: www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog.
- Tomorrow morning, FirstNet President TJ Kennedy will be testifying before the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Communications and Technology subcommittee at 10:15 a.m. eastern time in room 2322 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The hearing will be available over webcast on the [Committee's website](#). The hearing will be an opportunity to highlight the progress FirstNet has made in recent months with release of the Request for Proposal for the network, as well as our priorities and path forward with consultation and outreach to public safety.
- This week, FirstNet is speaking at the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians (ANTI) Winter Convention in Suquamish, California; the 5th Annual Americas Spectrum Management Conference in Washington, DC; a webinar in New York State; the Major City Chiefs Association (MCCA) 2016 Winter Meetings in San Antonio, Texas; a Missouri State Interoperability Executives Committee (SEIC) meeting; the New Hampshire Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee meeting; the National Sheriffs Association Winter Conference in Washington, DC; and the National Governors Association (NGA) Homeland Security Advisors meeting in Washington, DC.

News from the PSAC, States and Territories

- The PSAC Identity, Credential and Access Management (ICAM) and Local Control Task Teams held their first meetings last week via conference call. The ICAM kickoff introduced the topic with a focus on policy, governance, and impact while the Local Control kickoff focused on the definition and framework and introduced an outline of discussion topics for the next several months. Additional information is available in [today's blog](#) from Chairman Chief Harlin McEwen.

Media Watch

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Radio Resource/Mission Critical: Does the FirstNet RFP Address States' Coverage Objectives?

<http://www.mccmag.com/Features/FeaturesDetails/FID/637>

Several state single points of contact (SPOCs) are generally happy with the coverage details included in the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) request for proposals (RFP), released earlier this month. The timeline for buildout is one area of concern, however.

Bloomberg BNA: House Panel to Probe FirstNet Status

<http://www.bna.com/house-panel-probe-n57982066604/>

House lawmakers have scheduled a hearing for Feb. 2 to gauge progress on the buildout of a public safety broadband network for first responders. The Energy and Commerce Communications and Technology subcommittee is seeking an update on the status of the project, including the request for proposals (RFP) issued on Jan. 14 by the Department of the Interior on behalf of the National Telecommunications & Information Administration.

WJLA TV-VA: Billions of dollars and 20 MHz of spectrum at stake in FirstNet RFP

<http://wjla.com/news/government-matters/billions-of-dollars-and-20-mhz-of-spectrum-at-stake-in-firstnet-rfp>

This month, the First Responder Network Authority issued its final request for proposal (RFP) as it seeks to deploy a nationwide public safety broadband network. Proposals are due by the end of April. The agency expects to make an award in the fourth quarter of 2016. FirstNet President TJ Kennedy offers insight into the agency's final RFP on Government Matters.

Fierce Wireless Tech: Rivada: Carriers are not the only potential bidders for FirstNet

<http://www.fiercewireless.com/tech/story/rivada-carriers-are-not-only-potential-bidders-firstnet/2016-01-24>

While a lot of speculation has centered on which wireless operators will participate in FirstNet's bidding process, Rivada Networks wants to remind everyone that it's in the running as well.

Urgent Communications: Wireless Carriers Are Key To Successful FirstNet RFP Bid. Which Are Interested?

<http://urgentcomm.com/blog/wireless-carriers-are-key-successful-firstnet-rfp-bid-which-are-interested>

A wireless carrier may not be the prime contractor for FirstNet, but the general consensus is that a carrier (or multiple carriers) will have to be part of any winning proposal to build and operate the nationwide public-safety broadband network. Which carriers might be interested, and why?

Web and Social Media

The RFP continued to be the most active FirstNet topic on social media. Twitter gained more than 30 followers last week, and is now at 3,138; LinkedIn has 1,298 followers; YouTube jumped to 210 subscribers; and Google+ now has 63 users.

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